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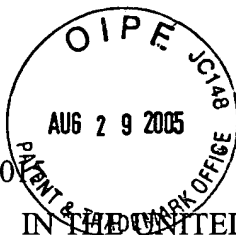
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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed May 7, 2004.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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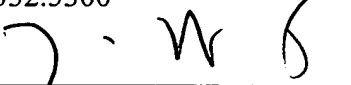
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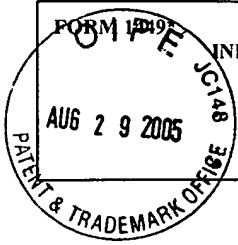
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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